

THE CENTRAL PLANNING COMMITTEE NOW ORGANIZED, AND BEGINS TO WORK

A new idea was born, and brought into being, on December 16 at the town hall.

The first, and organizational, meeting of the new Central Planning Committee of Northfield found the following organizations represented: PTA, James C. Gillespie, president; Grange, Mildred Addison for the master, Mrs. Isabel Carter; Selectmen, Ernest A. Parker, chairman; WSO, Mrs. Stanley Johnson, president; Historical Society, Miss Elsie S. Scott, president; 4-H Club, Mrs. Edward Benney, leader; Girl Scouts, Mrs. Robert Abbott for Mrs. B. R. Andrews, Jr., leader; VFW post, Dr. J. W. Bennett, Commander; Haven H. Spencer Post, American Legion, Ted Powell, Commander; Community Club, No. 4, Albert L. Rice, president; Garden Club, Byron Russell, president; Northfield Press, Unto Hantunen, publisher.

A proposed set of by-laws were read to the group, with additions and changes being made, and fifteen were finally accepted as read.

The following officers were elected to serve for 1949: Dr. J. W. Bennett, chairman; Albert L. Rice, vice-chairman; and Unto Hantunen, secretary-treasurer.

A general discussion followed, with subjects of town-wide interest predominating. A number of committees were named to investigate

proposed community projects. Miss Elsie S. Scott, Ernest A. Parker and James C. Gillespie were named to prepare a report on the proposed anniversary celebration by the town during the year 1949.

Mrs. Edward Benney, Ted Powell and Albert L. Rice form the committee of investigation for the possible development of Wanamaker Pond into a community swimming pool.

James C. Gillespie was asked to prepare a report on the progress of the World War Memorial Community School Building Plan Committee.

The possibility of Christmas lighting for the center of Northfield was tabled for further study during the coming year.

The proposal that a forum be set up as an adjunct to the CPC was set aside for another meeting.

The first regular meeting of the CPC will be held at the town hall at 8 p. m., Jan. 26. This will be the first of at least four regular meetings during the year.

Notification will be sent to all those organizations who have thus far signified their intention of joining the group. Invitations will be extended to all organizations and groups in Northfield to join, and a complete representation is anticipated.

Hold Teacher Exams Orange High School

The American Council on Education has announced the tenth annual administration of its National Teacher Examinations in Orange on Saturday, February 19, and Saturday, February 26, 1949.

The Common Examination battery, consisting of general education and professional information tests, will be given on February 19. Special examinations covering the subject matter to be taught will be administered on February 26.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 25, Christmas day service in Sage Chapel, 10:30 a. m.
December 27, Pilgrim Fellowship Dance, Town Hall, 8 to 12 p. m.
December 28, Legion Meeting.
January 3, Roller skating party at South Deerfield rink.
January 4, Garden Club meeting.
January 4, VFW meeting, 8:30 p. m. at Grange Hall.
January 6, WSO meeting, Alexander Hall, 8 p. m.
January 9, Sunday evening club meets.
January 10, P. T. A. meeting, Alexander Hall.
January 10, State Legion Fellowship meeting.
January 13, Afternoon Alliance meeting, 2:30 p. m. in the vestry.
Evening Alliance, 8 p. m.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to relatives, neighbors and friends, for their many kind expressions of sympathy and the many floral tributes sent at the death of our sister, Mrs. Maude Montague.

Mabel Merriman
Anne Merriman

"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"

Listen America!

This is the story of boys and girls. Boys and girls in many corners of our nation. They lead in a new unsung march toward the peace and security of tomorrow. The tomorrow that belongs to them! It is for them to build — for us to help!

Look America!

With their letters! With their packages! With their pictures! With their school books! With all these, and much more, they are bringing hope and strength to their foster brothers and sisters in many small towns, many large cities, of Europe.

Watch America!

With an "adopted" brother or sister in Europe, new responsibilities are laid before the American boy and girl. A new spirit of helpfulness — moral, material, and spiritual, is born in the consciousness of every boy and girl. The bounds of provincial, geographical thinking are lifted. The pages of history are no longer black and white. Colorful distant lands, now desolate, lay before their eyes.

They seek, and even hunger for a small friendly voice. A friend down the street, next door, is nothing more than just that — a friend. But, to have a friend across the sea — the enchanted sea of every child, that is the fulfillment of a dream. Great lessons in love, loyalty and understanding can be simply taught when letters fly from one child to another. New vistas of experience are ahead. New opportunities to learn languages. A chance to see and hear how other children live, and sometimes suffer. A new outlook is born. The children learn — and speak!

Hark America! These are your boys and girls!
"I'm Going to Keep This Letter the Rest of My Life."
It's only the excited promise of a boy upon receiving his first letter from a newly found foster friend in Europe. Listen for a moment and that one lonely voice will grow into a million and this surge of wise childish voices will over-ride the thunder of our statesmen debating the fate of the world.

"Miss Patricia . . . May I Call you 'Dear Patricia'?"

A heart looking for a heart. A hand for a hand. Francoise of Europe looks to America and finds a friend. What great new hope must light the eye and warm the heart of Francoise of Europe, when she can call Patricia of America — "Dear Patricia." The flame of hope would burn brighter in every land of sorrow if every Francoise had her Patricia — and every Pierre his Peter.

"My Mother Does Not Sing Anymore!"
This is what Jules tells his foster brother in America. She cannot sing even a plaintive tune. For Jules, the house is quiet. In sadness there is little music. But, in the letter from America, now hidden under his pillow, there IS music. Music of a great new hope — a friend in America! A little friend who offers him an enduring hope, the eternal knot that knits together the wonderful soaring dreams of children. Jules, and his mother, will sing again. You can be sure of that — NOW.

"I Do Not Have a Dog - There is No Bread For Him."

Children in America look at one another. Jean does not have a dog! No dog! Imagine! Why, every child has a dog. Why doesn't Jean have a little puppy like Bozo? I guess there isn't bread enough for Jean — and a Bozo too. But Jean has forgotten the dog for the moment, he must now occupy his time by answering a letter just arrived from America. Perhaps Jean will one day have his dog — and the bread too. Now at least he has a friend.

"It Makes Christmas Last Longer - Having a Friend in France."

Yes Nancy, it does make Christmas last longer, not only for you, but for Annie too. It will always be Christmas for Annie in Campiers, now that she has your letter, and your friendship. Never let Annie down, Nancy, for she must always know that there is a Santa Claus — a Pere Noel — and a friend in America. Make her think Nancy, that even in the heat of June, without snow, there is Christmas, for her love and affection and gratitude to you will make wonderful presents for every Christmas you will ever know.

"Can I Bring Nicole Here For The Summer?"

Not just yet Ruth, but YOU can bring the SUMMER to her. With your letters, your picture, and a piece of pink satin hair ribbon. Tell her about your school work about your home, your family and yourself — that will make summer for Nicole even in the coldest winter. Summer is not always the weather

— summer can be what it is in the heart. So make summer come to Nicole.

America! ! ! This is the Wisdom of Your Children!

Your Children - And You - Can be a Part of This Crusade!

An adoption which begins as an idea for a child, suddenly is greater in scope - it includes everyone, even the family pup. A friendship that spans the ocean, encircles and embraces both families — both towns — both countries — THE WORLD! The world needs food, clothing, and shelter. It needs Peace, Love, Hope, Faith, Light, and Joy. Let us share all these, of which we have so great an abundance. Let us work together. With one idea. With one purpose. With one plan.

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THE MEDWAY PLAN is individualized — person to person — a "no-over-head" program.

Listen America! Look America! Watch America! They Need Your Help Now! !



The old message of "Peace on earth; good will to men" echoes again over the entire Christian world in this happy holiday season. Harking back to the spirit of the first Christmas, we wish for you all the joys and blessings of the season.

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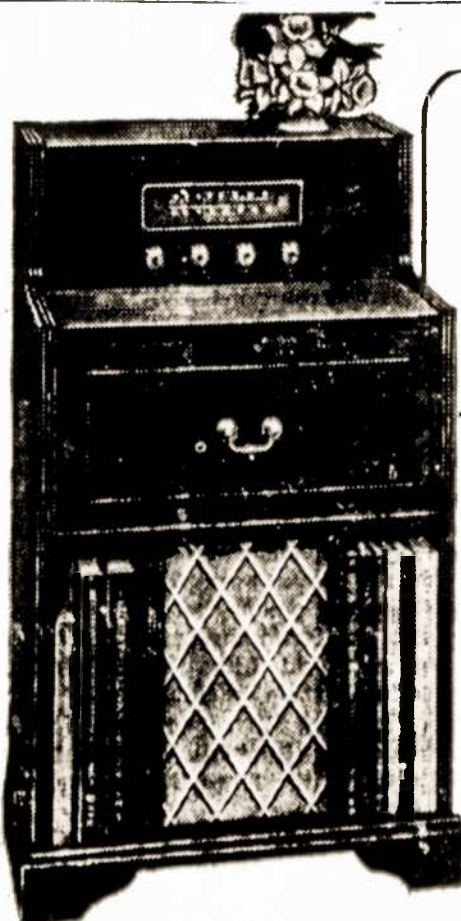


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NORTHFIELD UNITED

Without benefit of a Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions or other service clubs to perform a variety of chores as other country towns, the community of Northfield this week united in common effort to serve the town more efficiently through existing organizations.

The town planning committee as formed at a meeting of nearly a score of Northfield clubs and associations is the first of its kind organized in Franklin county. Whereas its aims are towards greater service, its accomplishments are potentially magnificent.

In many small communities, as well as large, there develops differences which lead to divided efforts, friction, and ultimate failure. Many organizations, including such ordinarily sound group as the Grange, Parent-Teacher association, church groups, and fraternal clubs, have been disbanded at various times because of inadequate leadership or a clash among members.

The Northfield central planning group under the leadership of Dr. John W. Bennett will include such active organizations as the P-T-A, selectmen, 4-H clubs, Girl Scouts, VFW and auxiliary, American Legion, Garden and Community club, and the press.

Already it has gone to work on proposed celebration of the town's 225th birthday which passed unobserved this year. There also is in view a public swimming pool at Wanamaker pond. Although Northfield Farms residents made themselves a pool in the stream flowing through their village last summer, those in central and East Northfield sections have had to travel many miles for a safe clean place to swim.

At present there are plans only for four meetings a year, but undoubtedly the committee will find work enough to acquire at least as many more special sessions, or a change in the schedule to monthly gatherings, especially in winter. Its results almost certainly will establish a pattern from which other country towns may work towards harmony and understanding.

The following sums up the newly organized Central Planning Committee:

DEDICATION

We, The Central Planning Committee of Northfield, are hereby dedicated to the following precepts and principals in the concept of a better community for ourselves, our posterity and the greater prospect of a better world for all through a small beginning in this, our own, community.

1. The initiation and coordination of projects for social and community welfare.
2. The furthering of amicable relationships between groups and the elimination of animosity and distrust.

3. The unification of organizations for the handling of emergencies, and the promotion of civic enterprises.

4. The elimination of duplication by various organizations of work aimed at a common cause.

5. And finally, the fulfillment of the motto long ago adopted by this community, namely, "Northfield she beautiful, where every prospect pleases" with emphasis on prospects other than visual.

POETS' CORNER

OUR GIFT

Ruth Lenea Erickson
We say, "It is His Birthday!"
We say, "It is His Birthday!"
With candles in the window,
and lights upon the tree;
We gather gifts for loved ones
to suit their special whim,
And yet neglect to offer
a birthday gift to Him!

Perhaps some deed of mercy
may lie just in our grasp;
Someone heartless and weary
may need a friendly clasp;
It may lie in our power
to aid a fallen friend,
And stricken hearts are waiting
for aid that we can send.

The gift need not be costly,
of silver or of gold,
But just our share of service
to the need that we behold
And we too, as the Wise Men
who saw the star's bright gleam,
Can come before His presence
offering a gift supreme!

TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. Arthur Nelson, Jr., Main St., has returned home from Franklin County hospital after a recent operation.

THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer - the name will not be used if you so desire.)

A Local Dilemma

To the Editor:
Before the snow came, the writer, while walking toward East Northfield post office, observed a man with a dog who seemed to be focussing their attention upon a certain spot on the front lawn. Then the man stooped and removed an iron cover from the top of the ground. As he did so, smoke poured forth. The wayfarer stopped to pass the time of day and to inquire as to what was transpiring.
The East Northfield resident was obviously in a dilemma. His land being rather springy, he had built a drain from his house to the meadow across the street, but had neglected to put a wire across the exit. Either Mr. Skunk or Mr. Woodchuck had taken advantage of this retreat for the winter, had brought his bed of straw in with him and had "settled down for his long winter's nap." To the perplexed landowner, who just couldn't have his drain stopped up, there seemed to be only one thing to do: smoke out the trespasser. But what if the creature bit his hand as he was pulling out the straw, or what if it back-fired?

As I came along back from the post office, I called, "Did you get your woodchuck?" "No, not yet," he replied, "I'm still smoking him out." Let's hope it wasn't a "geranium pussy!"
East Northfield Wayfarer.

To the voters of the Republican Town Caucus:

I do greatly appreciate the honor of being selected as the representative from the Republican Caucus to run as the candidate for the office of Selectman, but must in all fairness to the town of Northfield and myself decline this nomination. Thanking you again for your interest in my election,
Cordially
Gordon Buffum
December 18 1948

The Editor
The Northfield Press
East Northfield, Mass.
Dear Sir:

The letter in today's Northfield Press, entitled "An Open Letter To the People of Northfield," evidently written in the white heat of disappointment that follows when apparently careful preparations for an affair do not pay off in attendance, quotes Lincoln's "With malice towards none; with charity for all" as having been pronounced on a famous battlefield, presumably Gettysburg. It was pronounced on a "battlefield" of quite different nature - the Capitol steps, from which Lincoln delivered his second Inaugural Address, two years after Gettysburg.

As one of the "people" who might feel himself challenged by the "Open Letter", I had sat down to compose an answer but then remembered another saying of Lincoln which I can only paraphrase as "answer every letter and insult in writing - and then tear up your answer after having slept on it." I didn't sleep on it, but I tore it up.

Sincerely yours,
A Citizen.

AYH News

The AYH Staff and their families enjoyed a Christmas Party on Friday afternoon. Christmas carols were sung. Santa Claus (Ben Cummings) distributed gifts to the children and adults. Refreshments were served and the party ended with the singing of "Silent Night."

Those present included: Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dressley, Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson, Sandra, Judy and Constance Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Kaufhold, Peter Kaufhold, Miss Betty Darling, Mrs. Phoebe Winterbottom, Goddard Winterbottom, Mrs. Mildred Addison, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wilson and sons Alfred 3rd, and Jeffrey, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shindler, Judy and Jack Shindler, William Tibbetts, Miss Rue L. Jones and Miss Anna L. Fortier.

Since Christmas Day falls on a Saturday the AYH staff is to receive an additional day off on Monday and the office will be closed.

Award Letters for Mt. Hermon Sports

Varsity and Junior League letters were awarded to 102 members of Mount Hermon School's football, soccer and cross-country teams at the annual fall sports banquet last night. The recipients included John D. Bassette, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bassette of Mount Hermon; Bruce H. Heald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip R. McNeil of Highland Ave., E. Northfield; David B. Wells, son of Mrs. Lillian G. Wells of Main St., Northfield; John Skib, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Skib of So. Vernon.

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With the word, "These boots Benjie, have been to Canada," Uncle Eb turned on his heel and went back to the other men. I half stood, mutely asking, how? Preserved placed a restraining hand on my arm and said, "Rest easy son, your Uncle will tell you in good time."

I sank back on my haunches, still fingering the boots. "Come Benjie," counselled Preserved, "let the boots be, you'll hear the story soon enough."

"You're right Preserved, there seems little to do about it," with this I placed the boots next to the log, near my little sack of possessions. The gloom of night was gathering and Uncle Eb called over. "Ho, you two, you've just time enough to bring up the water from the brook."

Preserved took up two buckets, and I the same, and we began scrambling down the steep sides to the brook. "Hold up son," puffed Preserved, "yours is a young heart acquainted with this goat-like activity, mine is but a weak and weary clock."

"Very well then," I answered and clambered back to the spot where Preserved had already made a seat of one of the buckets.

"Sit a moment Benjie," Preserved wiped his glistening face, "and I'll tell you a story that reminds me of your father's boots."

I sat down on a bucket next to Preserved.

"Well Benjie, the story begins some few years ago, while I was about to take my leave of London town, for a look at this new colony. In walking across Oxford circus on my way to The Fighting Cock to catch the coach for Southampton I chanced upon a pub, having a minute, I paused, entered, to pass a bit of time. A number of gentlemen were assembled, a few toughs stood aside as I entered, I made my way to the proprietor, tipped my hat, discussed the weather. Having slaked my - my hunger, I was about to resume my

course to the Fighting Cock, when a gentleman, every inch of him, sought my eye. Then he came to where I was standing, noting that I was about to depart, hurriedly inquired of my purpose, direction and time of departure. I said within the hour, and then pushing his way through the milling guests he returned to my stand with a bucket, well built and coppered. Addressing me as 'My Good Sir,' for I was well turned out that day Benjie, he asked five shilling for the bucket. After an exchange of words I parted with three shilling and had the bucket - a necessary addition to my equipment. It would have many uses. Well, then I resumed my journey to The Fighting Cock, arrived there in good time, with the coach at the door, it's departure listed for half an hour. Giving notice of my presence, I dashed inside, I was a trifle slimmer then, laid aside the bucket, my bag and gulped down a bit - bit of lunch. Hearing the call for the coach I turned to take my things, all were there, but the bucket! There was nothing to do, but leave with the coach, bemoaning the three shillings, an unknown thief, and my luck, however I had an opportunity to carve out a crude "P. S." on the bottom.

I interrupted here with, "How much more Preserved, it's almost dark." "Only a minute Benjie, well I'll skip the journey from Southampton - I was looking at the sea most of the time. Every now and then Benjie I had given that bucket I lost in The Fighting Cock, a passing thought, no more than that, for after all it's a big ocean between here and the Circus."

Impatiently I interrupted again, "Well, is that all, and I hope you find your three shilling coopered bucket."

"You know Benjie," said Preserved with a sly grin, "I'm not going to look any more, - I'm sitting on it."
(To be Continued)

VETERANS BULLETIN BOARD

Armed Forces Recruitment Act

Enlistees
The Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945 provided that persons enlisting or reenlisting in the Armed Forces between October 6, 1945 and October 5, 1946 may count the entire period of such enlistment as war service for purposes of GI Bill benefits, regardless of the date the war was declared officially ended.

Such enlistees, therefore, may substitute the date that their period of enlistment ended in computing their benefits where that date is later than July 25, 1947.

Dating from the end of the enlistment period, such enlistees will have: (1) Ten years in which to use their loan guaranty rights; (2) the full period in which to accrue entitlement for education and training, four years in which to commence training, and nine years to complete it; (3) the full period in which to accrue entitlement for readjustment allowances for unemployment or self-employment, and five years in which to claim them.

Disability Compensation
A veteran disabled by injury or

disease incurred in, or aggravated by, service during world war II may qualify for disability compensation. He must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Monthly rates range from \$13.80 to \$138, depending on the degree of disability, plus statutory awards for amputations, blindness, etc., up to a maximum of \$360.

Veterans rated 60 percent or more disabled receive additional sums for dependents.

Disability Pension
A World War II veteran who becomes permanently and totally disabled for reasons not traceable to his service in the armed forces may be entitled to pension. He must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable after a minimum of 90 days service, or else discharged for disability in less than 90 days.

The veteran is disqualified if his income exceeds \$1,000 a year if he is single, or \$2,500 if he is married or has a minor child. The monthly rate is \$60, which is increased to \$72 after 10 years or when the veteran reaches age 65.

Center School Notes

The teachers of Center School met last Thursday after school for their regular monthly meeting. An informal reception was given Mr. Turner, the new superintendent. Refreshments were served, after which building policies, Christmas plans and parties were discussed. A plan was presented whereby each teachers' assignments including playground, basement, and bus duty were revised and rotated so that each post is covered at all times.

Miss O'Connor, writing supervisor, visited each classroom on Tuesday of last week and gold seals were presented to Grade 2, Mrs. Stebbins; grade 2, Mrs. Haack and grade one Mrs. Bolton. Each board was prettily decorated by her with an attractive Christmas greeting in artistic writing.

A record album "Dickens' Christmas Carol" has been presented by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Whitman to be added to our Center School Record Library. This is being played for the pupils in the individual rooms.

The children of Grades 1 to 6 have compiled a list of regulations for winter behavior on the playground as footballs and regular equipment have been replaced by snow and snowbanks. Each room has been attractively arranged with Christmas decorations in readiness for our Christmas parties to be held in our various rooms on Wednesday and our group sing of Christmas carols under the direction of Mrs. Stebbins with Mrs. Haack at the piano.

In grade 4 Rita Gibson has received a large blue star on the spelling chart for receiving twelve 100's since September. Two stars have been awarded in Health Inspection to Rita Gibson, Frances Green, Jessie Ann, Mroczek, and Judith Thompson. Dental certificates have been brought in by Martha Parsons, Seth Parker, Alan Bolton, David Miller, Judith Thompson, David Lilly, Robert Heibig and Virginia Pheasant.

Grade 3, 4, 5, and 6 attended a program "How Other People Talk" given at the Town Hall on Wednesday afternoon.

Many pupils have been absent from school because of contagious diseases in town.

The second grade have monitors selected for each week for classroom duties and lunch room assistance. This week the monitors in Mrs. Haack's room are:

James Neigh, Blackboards; Richard Leach, books; David Gibson, closets; Shirley Helley, Closets; Robert Williams; Floor Plants; Francis Sobleski; Hostess Steward, Olive Gravel and Dana Clough; Library Tables, Sally Sheldon, and Curtis Shine; Paper Supplies, Patrick Archambo, Susan Hammond; Desk, Joan Delema, Donald Stebbins and Curtis Shine. Olive Gravel, Robert Williams, Francis Sobleski, Shirley Helley, Martha Jones, and Richard Leach have had practically perfect arithmetic drill for a period of two weeks.

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A. Y. H. Headquarters Move to New York

It has been officially confirmed that the American Youth Hostel headquarters, now located here, will be removed to New York city within 90 days.

Further information as to the extent of the move will be available in the near future.

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9:55 a. m., Church School.
10:00 a. m. Young People's Forum and Men's Bible Class.
11:00 a. m., Public Worship.
Sermon subject, "Increasing Our Zeal for Life." Preschool age children attended by Mrs. Ray Thompson.

6:30 p. m. Pilgrim Fellowship of young people. Leona White in charge of the devotional service. Carol Gillespie will speak on "Making Christmas Christian." A special invitation extended to young people home for the holidays.

The members of the Pilgrim Fellowship are sponsoring a holiday dance to be held in Northfield Town Hall, on Monday evening, December 27th. Music by Dick Perry's orchestra.

There will be a roller skating party at the So. Deerfield rink on Monday evening, January 3rd.

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UNITARIAN CHURCH
Rev. Richard G. Sechrist, Minister
Sunday, December 26,



At Franklin County Public hospital, Dec. 16, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Chapin of Deerfield; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chapin of Northfield and Rev. W. H. Glebel of Rochester, N. Y.; great grandson of Mrs. Annie Chapin of 124 Wells street, Greenfield, and Mrs. James Perry of Brattleboro.

At Cooley Dickinson hospital, Northampton, Dec. 17, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chapin of Northfield; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chapin of Northfield. J. H. McAfee of Springfield and Mrs. J. H. McAfee of Denver Colo.; great granddaughter of Mrs. Annie Chapin of Greenfield, Mrs. James Perry of Brattleboro, Vt.; and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kirk of New Castle, Pa.

KAVANAUGH
At Franklin County Public hospital, Dec. 30, a son, Gerald Francis to Mr. and Mrs. Philip L. Kavanaugh of Northfield; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Newton of Northfield and Mr. and Mrs. Philip G. Kavanaugh of Springfield.

11:00 a. m. Service and Sermon, "On Happiness".
No Church School. AUY meeting omitted.

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Plans for a special three-county campaign to enlarge the ten-year-old Pioneer Valley Association to 2,500 members were announced by George V. Wallace, Jr., Holyoke banker and president of the Association.

The membership campaign will be the foundation, Mr. Wallace said, of new national promotion and advertising, on the largest scale ever planned by the association, in behalf of the valley's industry, agriculture, and huge tourist and vacation business.

"The Central Committee of the Association is convinced by the most successful year in our history," Mr. Wallace said, "that a major drive to expand the Association's membership and activities is now imperative. We are in position to reap a great harvest from the work of the last decade. The special membership campaign will help us to do that."

Mr. Wallace said that the Pioneer Valley Association "has, without question, brought many millions of dollars into the cash registers of Pioneer Valley business, and this money has directly and indirectly benefited virtually every one of our 500,000 citizens."

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Tomorrow another Christmas will be dawning in a troubled world. We must be brave and gay for the sake of the children. Many of us are happy in the thought that we have brought smiles of gratitude to the sad faces of the children of shell-torn Camiers with our gifts of warm clothing, toys, and much-needed school supplies.

We are not thinking of our gardens at this time of family reunions and sharing with others. Dame Nature has at last covered the bare, germ-laden ground with a white blanket of snow which should check the spread of certain contagious diseases that have been far too prevalent for this time of the year.

After such a prolonged drought last fall, we should be thankful that enough rain fell in an unusually mild November and December to sink well into the ground to be absorbed by thirsty roots in the spring. On this account do I dare to predict a larger supply of maple sap than last year. Northfield is in the sugar belt and it means much to many of our residents to have a plentiful yield of sap.

Many homes are bravely preserving the atmosphere of Christmas cheer with their wreaths and candles and thousands of sturdy little balsams and spruces have fallen to the woodsman's axe to make the children happy and keep up the Santa Claus myth. I remember being disillusioned at a very tender age when Santa didn't take the note which I had poked up the chimney for him. Many years later, when my little son asked me to explain Santa Claus, I told him truthfully that it is the spirit of Christmas in your heart.

I am thinking of the special Christmases enjoyed in the past, especially when we went to Aunt Jennie's for a family reunion and we youngsters were obliged to get up between courses, run around the house, unloosen our belts, and come back to the groaning board to eat some more, for there was sure to be Aunt Jennie's famous

plum pudding with hard sauce, a variety of pies, nuts and fruit. Then there was the time when my college room-mate was invited to join our family group on Andover Hill, when Uncle Wesley Churchhill, professor of pulpit oratory at the Theological Seminary, read to us all Thomas Nelson Page's "The Two Runaways", as only he could make it come alive.

Yes, memories such as these will always stay green in the garden of one's heart, like the holly and evergreens so associated with Christmas. A Merry Christmas to each and every one of my readers.



FRANK V. WOOD

Frank V. Wood, 89, died at his home here, December 17, following a brief illness.

He was born in Northfield, April 9, 1859, the son of Oscar and Hester Ann Wood, and was a descendant in the fifth generation of the Revolutionary hero, Capt. Samuel Meriman. On Nov. 24, 1884, he married in Baldwinville, Miss Hattie Mervery. He and Mrs. Wood owned and operated the Loveland House in Northfield for several years. In 1945 they observed their 61st wedding anniversary.

Mr. Wood was one of the oldest members of Social Lodge, IOOF, of Orange, and a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of Northfield.

Survivors include a son, Lewis and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Sunday at 2 p. m. Rev. Helen Bassett will officiate. Burial will be in the Farms cemetery.

MRS. FRANCIS C. PINKHAM

(Reprinted from the New York Times.)

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 17 — Mrs. Clara Dunham Pinkham of 6 Sage Terrace, Scarsdale, died today in the White Plains Hospital at the age of 75. Her first husband was the late Rev. Hermon S. Pinkham, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Lowell, Mass., and her second husband was his brother, the late Francis Cooper Pinkham, New York textile commission merchant.

Mrs. Pinkham, born at Watertown, Mass., was associated with the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago from 1916 to 1926, first as dean and then as president, and later traveled for the school to inspect missions in South American countries.

In recent years she had been active in work of the Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies in New York. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Society of New England Women.

A son by her first marriage, Spencer Pinkham of Scarsdale, survives.

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